

## THE WEATHER.

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Wednesday fair and warmer.

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# TULSA DAILY WORLD

## PROSPERITY TALK

Whether Tulsa lands the next conference or not, the oil metropolis is gaining lots of good publicity among the several hundred people gathered at Birmingham this year.

## SENATE PLACES ITS SANCTION ON ARMY BILL

First Great Preparedness Measure Calls for Peace Army of 211,000 Men.

## MEXICAN POLICY IS ATTACKED IN DEBATE

Measure Will Be Put Into Effect as Soon as It Is Signed by Wilson.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The senate, after an all day debate, agreed tonight to the conference report on the army reorganization bill without a roll call. The house is expected to approve the report within a day or two, and send the first of the big national defense measures to the president. The bill provides for a regular army of 211,000 officers and men at peace strength and approximately 260,000 at war strength and for a federalized national guard of 457,000 officers and men at maximum strength.

### Denounce Great Britain.

Discussion of the conference report embraced a denunciation of Great Britain for execution of the Irish revolutionists, attack on the administration's Mexican policy, renewed assaults upon the national guard as a political force and vigorous criticism of the provision for a government nitrate manufacturing plant. Senator Fall asserted that General Pershing with the fourteen thousand troops at his command could march on to Mexico City, taking every town with little trouble if he were unhampered by orders from Washington and that 90 per cent of the Mexican people would welcome such action. He also declared that representatives of General Carranza were negotiating with foreign governments against the United States and that this government would be forced to fight foreign forces on Mexican soil if it did not force on full duty to the people of Mexico and to the United States.

### Borah Attacks Guard.

Senator Borah of Idaho, renewing his attack on national guard as a political force, declared that it would prove to be more detrimental to the United States than an invading army. He arraigned Great Britain for the Irish executions, declaring there had been no greater blow to free institutions since the European war began. Senator Lodge and other members of the foreign relations committee also criticized the army bill, the former blaming the house for not accepting a larger regular army proposed by the senate and the latter maintaining that the proposed army was too great. Senator Stone said he was so anxious to see the nitrate provision enacted that he would almost be willing to agree to any size army necessary but insisted there was no need of an increased army.

### No Need For Big Army.

"I see no need now nor at any time in our history for a large army," he said. "The enlargement provided would entail a very great and useless burden. The only use for an army is to attack an enemy or defend our own soil. There isn't a senator or a member of the house nor a man in any of the executive departments of the government who will say we are in danger of attack by an invading army of any country on earth."

Senator Brandage, author for the amendment for a regular army of 25,000 men at peace strength which was regarded by the conference as inadequate to express his disgust at the conference action and said he hoped "the good Lord who guards the drunkard and the fool will save the nation."

Secretary Baker said tonight that as soon as President Wilson signed the bill he will begin consultations with the general staff to put the measure into effect. He began studying the conference report tonight, taking a copy with him on a trip to New York.

## GUARDIAN MUST MAKE GOOD LOSS OF LOAN

Tulsa District Court Upheld in Awarding Damages to Helpless Ward.

Special to The World. OKLAHOMA CITY, May 17.—In an opinion written by Justice Turner of the supreme court, William Anderson, nee Brown, is held responsible for the loss of a loan he made while guardian, on the ground that he was negligent in securing his ward's interests. The judgment of the Tulsa county district court is sustained in the case. While Anderson was guardian for Lucy and Nellie Brown he made a loan to the Limestone Livestock company of \$2,500. The company had live stock and a mortgage was given on them as security for the loan. It was also condition that the live stock should be insured and the insurance be additional collateral to secure the loan. It was shown that no insurance was placed on the live stock. The loan was afterwards lost. The high court says the guardian was negligent and should have been charged with the full amount of the loan.

## Two Generations of Defenders Keep Step With Patriotic Youth in the Monster Preparedness Parade Featuring G. A. R.-U. S. W. V. Reunion

6,400 School Children, Each Bearing a Flag, Followed in Wake of Veterans.

With Bands Playing Martial Airs, Pass in Review of Governor Williams.

### THURSDAY "U. S. W. V. DAY."

9 A. M.—Business sessions of all organizations at their respective headquarters.  
10 A. M.—Opening of Tulsa Rifle club's new military rifle range. Military rifle practice, invitation shoot and inspection by veterans and public.  
This range has just been completed and has been built according to United States war department specifications. The Tulsa Rifle club has a membership of 150. The range is easy of access, being located on the Archer farm, a mile north of the city.  
2:30 P. M.—Trip to Sand Springs park as guests of Charles Page.  
3 P. M.—Convention hall: Panoram and lecture on Yellowstone park by Mr. Charles Norton Hunt.

MORE than seven thousand veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, veterans of the Spanish-American war and school children of Tulsa paraded through the streets of the city yesterday as the feature of the "Preparedness day" program, ending the patriotic spectacle by passing in review before Governor Williams and his staff on the stage at Convention hall.

It was one of the most spectacular and patriotic demonstrations ever held in the city, and as division after division of Civil War veterans and class after class of school children passed through the streets, the cheers grew louder and louder, until finally the whole line of march was lined with stirred Americans giving vent to their feelings favoring preparedness.

Yesterday's program opened with reveille and a selection of martial music by the official Grand Army of the Republic drum corps, department of Oklahoma, camp 17, Oklahoma City.  
Hold Institute.  
This was followed by a patriotic instruction institute in Convention hall at 8:30 o'clock, conducted under the supervision of Department Patriotic Instructor Colonel J. R. Dennis. This service was conducted under the general orders of the post commander and was attended by all department and post instructors in this work. It was one of the most successful features of the present encampment.

A number of short addresses were made by several of the post instructors, all dealing with the universal instruction of this principle in all the schools.  
Adjournment of this meeting at Convention hall all of the veterans assembled near the high school building where the four divisions of the parade were formed under their respective commanders and at 10:30 sharp the procession received the command, "Forward march," and the most brilliant success of the 1916 encampment.

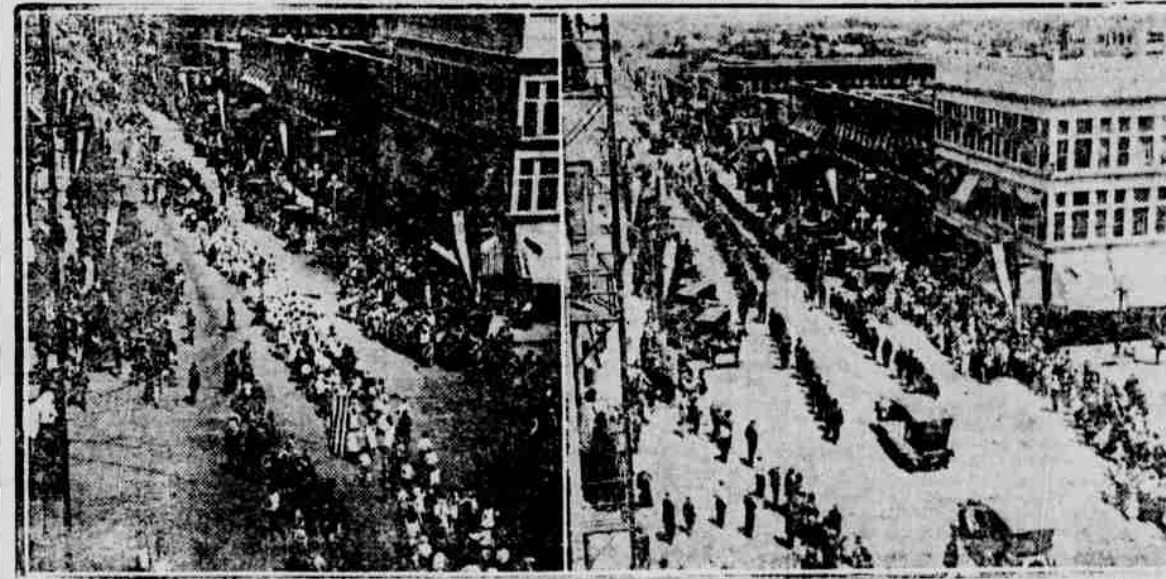
## DAYS OF OLD RULE IN IRELAND ARE GONE

Premier Asquith Predicts Passing of Old Order After Visit to Erin.

DUBLIN, May 17.—Premier Asquith has reached the conclusion from impressions gathered during his Irish visit that the old form of government in Ireland has had its day. The Associated Press learns from sources in the closest touch with the premier that Mr. Asquith's conversations and conferences have convinced him that the future government must be conducted on an entirely different system.

The prime minister has taken care to learn the ideas and views of many persons other than those in purely official circles. And these persons have offered greatly varied suggestions. None of these, it is believed, will be adopted in its entirety, but it is thought they might be welded together into a new system. The premier himself does not know what form his proposal eventually will take and in fact it probably will be fully developed only at the cabinet meeting.  
His Belfast visit gave a good hint to the premier that the Ulsterites would not accept a direct proposal implying home rule. But it is believed they might be induced to enter into a concerted plan which possibly could be arranged to meet their most serious objections.  
Mr. Asquith will visit Cork tomorrow.

### PREPAREDNESS PARADE OF G. A. R.-U. S. W. V. ENCAMPMENT



The outstanding feature of the second day of the Oklahoma G. A. R.-U. S. W. V. encampment was the preparedness parade, a patriotic spectacle that inspired both tears and applause up and down the line of march. The above views were made by Clarence Jack, The World photographer, from the top of the Robinson Arcade at Third and Main. The picture on the left shows a portion of the six thousand school children in the parade. On the right can be seen the two "thin lines of blue." One old veterans marching erect, remarked laughingly to a spectator that "we left the old fellows at the hotel; they're getting too old to march." Between the lines of G. A. R. men can be seen a row of Tulsa Boy Scouts, ready to aid the old fellows should it be necessary. It was not necessary.

## FIRST GUN FIRED IN REGISTRATION SCRAP

Republican Committeeman Files Suit to Test Constitutionality of Law.

CLAIMS LAW IS NULL NOW GOES TO SENATE  
Asks for Injunction Restraining Commissioners From Paying Bill.

Special to The World. OKLAHOMA CITY, May 17.—Suit to test the constitutionality of the new registration law passed by the special session of the legislature was brought today in the Oklahoma county district court by Arthur H. Geissler, chairman of the state Republican committee. John J. Carney, former judge of the Oklahoma county district court, as a Democrat, but recently having joined the ranks of the Socialists, and J. T. Dickerson, member of the last legislature, appear as attorneys for Mr. Geissler.

The action is an injunction to restrain the county commissioners under the law from paying claims for printing against the county arising under the law for registration blanks and other matter consequent upon the registration authorized under the law, which the constitutionality is attacked. It is claimed that the law is unconstitutional, and, if so, then claims for printing should not be paid, as it will place a further burden upon the taxpayers of the county.

### Law No. Good.

It is claimed that the law is null and void for various reasons. In the first place appointment of county registrars is placed entirely in the hands of the secretary of the state election board who is such secretary solely by virtue of the fact that he is secretary of the state senate, and that he is secretary of the senate only by appointment of that body. Under the registration law he is given great power and other duties not contemplated by an act that makes him secretary of the senate, and, therefore, he is filling another position without being placed under additional oath of authority of office.  
The law is declared unconstitutional because it seeks to place power in the hands of the county and precinct registrars to strike from the registration list any voter at the whim or caprice of the registrar, and that this authority is only apparently conveyed to him through the secretary of the senate, who acts only in the clerical capacity as secretary of the state election board.  
Application for the injunction will be heard by District Judge Oldfield Tuesday morning of next week.

## STATE DEFENDS MEN ACCUSED OF FRAUD IN ELECTION CASES

Special to The World. OKLAHOMA CITY, May 17.—Trial of Dan Hogan and Tom Mosely of Watonga, charged with conspiring to prevent qualified voters voting in the election at Watonga in 1912, was begun today in the federal court here. Federal Judge John Cottrell ruled that parties of jurymen need not be disclosed. The state is defending the men. They were tried about a year ago when the jury failed to agree on a verdict. A demurrer to the evidence was sustained at one time by Judge Cottrell, but the ruling was reviewed by the United States court and he was reversed. The case now comes up on a second trial.

## HOUSE PASSES THE FLOOD CONTROL BILL

Authorizes Expenditure of \$5,000,000 for Mississippi River in 5 Years.

SACRAMENTO RIVER GETS APPROPRIATION OF \$5,600,000 FOR IMPROVEMENT.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The flood control bill, providing appropriations for the Mississippi and Sacramento rivers, was passed by the house today by a vote of 180 to 53.  
The bill now goes to the senate. It would authorize the expenditures of not exceeding \$45,000,000 for flood control and general improvement of the Mississippi river submission and \$5,600,000 for improvement of the Sacramento river.

### Five Year Period.

The expenditures are to be spread over a five year period. The Mississippi valley local interests are to co-operate with an amount equal to one half of the \$15,000,000. The bill provides machinery under the war department by which any flood problem other than the Mississippi and Sacramento may be examined and reported on by any engineers.  
There was no party division on the bill. Speaker Clark and Majority Leader Kitchin being joined by Minority Leader Mann in its support.  
Representative Cuddy of California told today the house that the bill would be reported.

## Men in Gray Determined to Take Washington Before Final Taps; Capital Gets Meet; Tulsa Second

IRVINGHAM, Ala., May 17.—Washington will honor the honor of entertaining the United Confederate Veterans in 1917 by a close vote at the closing business session here tonight.  
General George P. Harrison of Alabama was elected commander-in-chief to succeed General Bennett Young of Kentucky.  
General Young refused to permit his name to be presented as a candidate for re-election.

The desire of the old confederate soldiers to parade down Pennsylvania avenue and be reviewed by the president of the United States led them to choose Washington as the next reunion city. Tulsa, Okla., and Memphis, Tenn., received the next highest votes in the order named.  
Other officers named were:  
Commander department of the army of Tennessee, General John P. Hickman, of Tennessee.  
Commander trans-Mississippi department, General K. M. VanZant, of Texas, re-elected.  
Commander department army of Virginia, General John Thompson Brown, of Virginia.

The recommendations of the recommendation resolution committee, with the exception of one favoring a reduction in the salary of the adjutant-general from \$1,800 to \$1,500 annually and another favoring the consolidation of the Veterans and Sons of Veterans organizations, were referred to the commanding general and the heads of the departments. The resolution favoring the consolidation of the two organizations was adopted and a committee composed of the general officers and one representative from each division was appointed to co-operate with a similar committee from the Sons, to report to J. P. Norfleet, former commander-in-chief of the Sons of Veterans, and Mrs. J. T. Latham made enthusiastic speeches in favor of Memphis, while the claims of Tulsa, the other contestant, were voiced by Tate Brady of Tulsa and William D. Matthews of Oklahoma City.  
New officers for the Sons of Veterans were elected at the closing session of that body today. They were: Commander-in-chief—Ernest G. Baldwin, Roanoke, Va.  
Commander department army of northern Virginia—Dr. J. Garret King, Fredericksburg, Va.  
Commander department army of Tennessee—Thomas B. Hooker of Memphis, Tenn.  
Commander army of trans-Mississippi—Merritt J. Glass, Tulsa, Okla.  
Executive council—A. J. Wilson, Little Rock, Ark.; Adolph B. Bloch, Mobile, Ala.; Garland P. Reed, Norfolk, Va.; Seymour Stewart, St. Louis, Mo.  
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## ONCE INDEPENDENT, ALWAYS ONE, RULES DISTRICT ATTORNEY

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 17.—Anyone who registers as an Independent must confine himself to vote for candidates on that ticket, only, in the primary election, is the substance of an opinion today by the attorney-general to M. W. Flood, number one. The question was asked that in case one registered as an Independent could he by affidavit that he had affiliated with another party be allowed to vote the ticket of a party other than that with which he had been registered. The attorney-general holds that he cannot. If there are no candidates on the Independent ticket in the primary the person registering as an Independent will have no vote in that election. This rule, of course, is not applicable in the general election, when a voter may vote any ticket he desires. Those who were numbered as Independents during the registration period just closed.

## 6,341 ITALIANS ARE TAKEN BY AUSTRIANS

Austrians Pressing Forward Vigorously in Tonale Pass Region.

## AN ARTILLERY DUEL

South of Rovereto, However, Austrians Repulsed With Heavy Losses.

LONDON, May 17.—The following official communication was issued this evening by the Italians:

"From the Tonale Pass region to Giudaria there has been an artillery duel.  
"In the Lagarina valley, after an intense fire, the enemy launched five violent attacks on the slopes north of Zegnatorta. The attacks were repulsed with enormous losses. Numerous enemy bodies were swept away by the Adige river current.  
"From the Tonale Pass region in western Trentino to Monfalcone, a short distance from the head of the Gulf of Trieste, the Austrians are vigorously on the offensive against the Italians.  
"In the Tyrol, to the south of Trent, heavy infantry attacks to the east of the Adige river have forced the Italians again to abandon some of their advanced positions and resulted in the capture by the Austrians of an aggregate of 141 officers and 6,200 men. In addition 13 guns and 17 machine guns were captured.  
"Repulse Austrians.  
"Vienna says that south of Rovereto the Austrians stormed Segnatoria, but Rome asserts that the five attacks launched were put down with heavy casualties, the bodies of numerous dead Austrians floating away in the swift current of the Adige river.  
"The repulse of another Austrian attack in the Saguna valley is also reported by Rome. Along the remainder of the front there were heavy artillery bombardment with here and there infantry attacks. Bombing operations by aviators on both sides have taken place against opposing positions.  
"On the front in France and Belgium the fighting has consisted mainly of artillery duels to the northwest of Verdun.  
"The entire airmen have been par-

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## ORATORS TO MEET IN T. H. S. CONTEST

Bell-Fellows Competition to Be Held Tomorrow at High School.

Ten of the most proficient speakers in the high school will compete tomorrow night in the first annual Bell-Fellows oratorical contest. The competition will be held in the high school auditorium and will be under the direction of F. V. Westhafer, instructor in public speaking.  
Prizes aggregating \$25 have been offered by the law firm of Bell & Fellows for the winners in the contest. This is divided into two parts, one for pure orations and the other for argumentative or debate speeches of original composition.  
Fully 35 students answered the first call for the contest and it was found that the number would be too great for one night. Consequently preliminary debates have been held during the past week to limit the number to a reasonable evening's program. There are now about 12 contestants in the ring, but it is probable that two more will be cut before the final draft. Of these there are about five pure orators and five debate speeches.

## SAYS COAL MINES IN STATE TO STOP FOR LACK OF CONSUMERS

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 17.—In the opinion of Edgar Fenton, president of the State Federation of Labor, many coal mines in the state will be closed during the summer months, and some of them are already working on short time. Many of the large factories are now using gas for fuel. Locomotives and threshing machines will be the only users of coal in the state, and they cannot consume the product of the mines.

## TROOPS HOT ON GLENN SPRINGS BANDITS' TRAIL

Two Mexicans Wounded and Two Taken Prisoners by Langhorne Detachment.

## SUCCESSFUL FIGHT WOULD CLOSE CHASE

Jesse Deemer, Storekeeper, and Negro Cook Rescued From Mexicans.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, May 17.—Two Mexicans were wounded and taken prisoner by Major Langhorne yesterday in a skirmish a short distance south of El Paso, according to a report made to General Funston tonight by Colonel Sibley at Los Alamos, 45 miles south of the border. None of the Americans was injured.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, May 17.—An early withdrawal of the diminutive punitive expedition directed by Colonel Frederick Sibley south of Boquilla was indicated at department headquarters today. The rescue of Jesse Deemer, the storekeeper, and Monroe Payne, the negro cook, who were carried across the border by bandits when they raided Glenn Springs and Boquilla 12 days ago, was reported today by Colonel Sibley, who received his information from Major Langhorne, and reported that he was endeavoring to overtake the bandits who had eluded him at El Paso, from where he sent the report and where he found Deemer and Payne.  
Officers here regarded as probable that a successful encounter with the bandits would bring the expedition to an end, and not at all improbable that a failure to overtake such a small force would be followed by a recall. It was explained at headquarters that the troops of cavalry and the machine gun company operating under Colonel Sibley, when they made it was altogether in a debate for extended operations and that further pursuit of the bandits was unlikely.

Left Prisoners.  
Deemer and Payne had been left at El Paso by the retreating bandits with instructions to the residents that they be killed if an attempt to rescue them was made. The residents of the village refused to obey instructions, professing their friendliness to the Americans, when they entered the town yesterday morning.  
Reports from General Pershing were characterized as routine. Information from Mexico indicated that the troop movement toward the border had assumed such magnitude as to indicate that before many days the number of Carranza troops in northern Mexico would be even greater than that of General Obregon said he would send.

### TEXAS TROOPS FIRST.

Two regiments of Texas militia, under direction of General John A. Hulen of the state troops, will be the first of the irregulars to go to the border stations. They were included today in the reorganization made by General Frederick Funston in his plan of a reorganized border patrol. They will be in the Brownsville district, extending from the Gulf coast to Arroyo El Tierno, where General James Parker will command that district, reporting to him being Colonel A. P. Blockson with the Third cavalry, Colonel A. L. Bullard, Twenty-ninth infantry, and Colonel E. H. Hamer, Twenty-eighth infantry, that district there will be within five days more than five thousand men.

General William A. Mann was given command of the Laredo district from the western limit of the Brownsville district to Blocker's ranch, between Laredo and Eagle Pass.

### Outline Plans.

The Eagle Pass district, from Blocker's ranch to a point near Del Rio, will be commanded by General Henry A. Clifford, with Lieutenant-Colonel A. L. Parmerter will command the fourth district, headquarters at Del Rio. Six companies of the Nineteenth and six companies of the Sixteenth will be used in that district for guarding the bridges and towns west of Del Rio along the Southern Pacific railway.  
Three companies of coast artillery, the Second, Seventh and Seventy-fourth and the 145th, left here today for that district.

## STEALING FLOWERS ALL OVER THE CITY

Plants and Blooms Disappear Nightly; Citizens Are Up in Arms.

The theft of plants and blooms and the destruction of shrubbery has been reported in many parts of Tulsa lately and citizens who take pride in beautifying their premises are up in arms. Many of them have procured shotguns and revolvers and plan to shoot anyone caught in their yards after night.  
On East Second street the thefts have been especially numerous. Beautiful plants are torn up by the roots, or plucked. Roses are torn from the bushes. The work of months is undone in a single night.  
The police have been notified and are on the watch. The prowlers and thieves will be arrested, whether they be young or old.